

Dear Chairman Powell, I'm very concerned about the potential for stifling expression of diverse opinion in the public media in the USA if the FCC goes ahead with its efforts for further deregulation of the air waves. I'm originally from Bangladesh where the media is largely controlled by one source, i.e., the government. As a result, the population is very ill-informed on most matters of importance. Although, altering ownership rules here would lead to consolidation of media in the private sector the effect would be the same - fewer sources of information for the public. In my opinion, that is both bad public policy and goes against the American tradition of free expression. Therefore, I hope you will take a pause towards allowing media behemoths from acquiring ever more outlets. I suggest you take a year to conduct a study to understand the full implications of further deregulation, allow for more public comment, and then take a thoughtful and well reasoned decision that benefits the great majority of the American people.